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Dear neighbor,

You may have recently received an alarming letter from the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District that misstated facts about water quality, and attempted to use scare tactics to further the agency's own political agenda.

Please be assured that most of the letter was simply not true.

Issaquah, which has provided water to thousands of customers for decades, would never harm its own water source. Nor would the Washington State Department of Ecology – the independent agency charged with protecting all water in the state – allow that to happen.

Instead, the district's campaign is focused on self preservation.

Tom Harman, president of the district's board, was extremely active in campaigning against Klahanie and its neighboring communities annexing to Issaquah back in 2005. On the eve of Issaquah releasing its most recent Klahanie Potential Annexation Area (PAA) study, district officials launched their current misinformation campaign.

History is repeating itself.

Mr. Harman recently informed the City that he will do whatever he can to prevent the potential annexation to Issaquah. His recent letters to the editor of The Issaquah Press make his views very clear. He is now using his position as the district's board president – as well as up to \$50,000 of ratepayers' money – to help further this political agenda.

No matter your take on annexation, we want to make the facts clear. If the Klahanie PAA is annexed to Issaquah:

- Your water would still be provided by the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District.
- The state does encourage cities to provide utility services for everyone within its boundaries. Someday, the City of Issaquah would study the impacts of providing that service to you instead, potentially at a lower cost. Before any decision is made, however, there would be a significant public process.

The Issaquah City Council will be reviewing our Klahanie PAA study soon, and deciding whether to ask you – the voters – if you would like to annex to our City. Interested in learning more? Please contact us or go to [issaquahwa.gov/klahanie](http://issaquahwa.gov/klahanie).

Very truly yours,

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